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**From:** Yap-deffler, Yazmine [Yap-Deffler.Yazmine@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 3/5/2018 2:49:02 PM  
**To:** O'Loughlin, Connor [oloughlin.connor@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: Salient - Blades. DE Public Meeting

Great job! Looks like all went well.  
Thank you for this salient.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 5, 2018, at 8:57 AM, O'Loughlin, Connor <[oloughlin.connor@epa.gov](mailto:oloughlin.connor@epa.gov)> wrote:

Good morning, I figured we should write up a salient for the public meeting. Let me know if it looks okay.

Salient: 03/1/2018

EPA attends Public Meeting Regarding the Blades Groundwater Site – Blades, Delaware:  
On March 1, 2018, Region 3 attended a public meeting at the Blades Volunteer Fire Department, located in Blades, DE to discuss the public and residential wells which have been impacted with per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFASs). The meeting was advertised by multiple news outlets and by Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) on their website, to residents and businesses. Additionally, DNREC issued a press release that was displayed in the paper. The meeting's purpose was to provide an overview of the site, discuss the public and residential well analytical results which have been impacted by PFASs, and the next step forward. DNREC provided an overview of the analytical information regarding the groundwater contamination and the impacts to the drinking water public supply wells and residential wells. The sampling has identified PFAS contamination in three public drinking water wells that make up the wellfield and three residential wells above EPA's Health Advisory Level (HAL) of 70 parts per trillion. The EPA sampled 44 private wells and 24 samples returned so far, four homes have been given carbon filtration systems to clear up contaminants. Three of them had levels of PFAS compounds above the HAL. A fourth well was close enough to 70 ppt that the homeowner was also given a filtration system. Due to the exceedances, the public water company installed a new carbon vessel to treat the raw water on February 14, 2018. After installation was completed the water company tested the treated water and on February 22, 2018 DNREC released the public water system meets or exceeds the federal and state safe drinking water standards. The public meeting was attended by approximately 100 citizens. DNREC representatives, Blades Water Company joined the meeting. The meeting was well received and attendees had great questions for the Site team members. Several media outlets were present at the meeting. A representative from the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) was also present to answer any health-related questions. (K. Chase, 4-3124; C. O'Loughlin, 4-3304; ATSDR: K. Markiewicz, 4-3149)

Thank you.

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